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I find that the reason given for the suicide is that one Narayanan Nambiar was responsible for it and not the hon. Member, Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar. (Laughter.) There was some love affair and the death was due to suicide."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I will take five more minutes and finish the rest of the questions."

Liquidation of co-operative stores in South Kanara.

* 318 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of co-operative stores registered in South Kanara till December 1953;

(*b*) the total amount of share capital collected;

(*c*) whether any stores have been ordered to be liquidated so far; and

(*d*) if so, why?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Eighty-three.

" (*b*) Rs. 4,15,196.

" (*c*) Twenty-one stores have been ordered to be liquidated so far.

" (*d*) The main reasons for the liquidation are—

(i) the societies sustained loss in their business after decontrol;

(ii) there was no enthusiasm on the part of the managements to work the institutions successfully and in certain cases there was mismanagement of the institutions; and

(iii) the General Body of societies in certain cases, voluntarily favoured liquidation."

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know what the Government propose to do with the reserve fund of those stores which are under liquidation? And may I also know whether the Government will consider the desirability of transferring the reserve fund of those stores to Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies which are functioning in those areas?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" This is a separate question."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that quite a number of stores which have been ordered to be liquidated, have not been liquidated for the last three or four years? If so, is it a device to swell up the number of stores in the State so that the alleged international reputation may be maintained?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" As I said, due to decontrol and derationing, these stores have suffered loss in their business and some of them are going into voluntary liquidation. Liquidation of a store is resorted to only as a last measure, when all attempts to revive it prove unsuccessful."